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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

February 2018 Grand Jury

CR NO 818-R00891 DMG

INDICTMENT

[18 U.S.C. § 1343: Wire Fraud; 18 U.S.C. § 1957: Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Specified Unlawful Activity; 18 U.S.C. § 2(b): Causing an Act to be Done]

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[18 U.S.C. § 1343]

A. INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

ROBIN DIMAGGIO,

Plaintiff,

Defendant.

- 1. At all times relevant to this Indictment, defendant ROBIN DIMAGGIO ("DIMAGGIO") controlled DiMaggio International, Inc.
- ("DMI"), an entity incorporated by defendant DIMAGGIO in California.
- 2. At all times relevant to this Indictment, defendant
 DIMAGGIO exercised control over and had access to the following bank
 accounts:
- a. Citibank bank account ending in 5621 in the name of DMI International ("DMI Account"); and

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- b. Citibank bank account ending in 2498 in the name of DIMAGGIO ("DIMAGGIO Account").
- 3. At all times relevant to this Indictment, The Peace For Me Peace For You Foundation (the "Foundation") was a charity in Bulgaria that was attempting to organize a charity concert (the "charity concert") to raise money for and awareness of homeless and displaced children from conflict zones worldwide.
- 4. At all times relevant to this Indictment, K.D. was the financial sponsor of the charity concert.

B. THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

- 5. Beginning no later than in or about May 2016 and continuing to on or about December 7, 2018, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant DIMAGGIO, knowingly and with intent to defraud, devised, participated in, and executed a scheme to defraud K.D. as to material matters in connection with the organization of the charity concert, and to obtain money and property from K.D. by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and concealment of material facts.
- C. THE MANNER AND MEANS OF THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD
- 6. The scheme to defraud operated, in substance, in the following manner:
- a. Through oral statements and written materials, defendant DIMAGGIO falsely represented that he could obtain well-known artists to perform at the charity concert.
- b. To obtain K.D.'s funds, defendant DIMAGGIO made representations that were false and concealed material facts, including representations: that specific performers had agreed to

participate in the charity concerts; that the funds would be used to pay the performers; and that the funds would be kept in an escrow account until the parties had agreed as to which performers should be hired. In truth and in fact, as defendant DIMAGGIO then well knew, the representations were false and concealed material facts because, among other things: the performers were not booked and had not agreed to perform at the charity concert; the funds would not be used to pay the performers; and the funds would not be kept in an escrow account. Instead, defendant DIMAGGIO would use the funds to pay his personal expenses, including a settlement with his ex-wife through the purchase of a residence for her.

- c. In reliance on defendant DIMAGGIO's false representations, K.D. caused the funds to be transferred to defendant DIMAGGIO by wire to the DMI Account.
- d. In order to further conceal his scheme, defendant DIMAGGIO lied during a deposition taken in the course of litigation, fabricated bank documents, and deleted documents related to his dealings with the Foundation.

D. THE USE OF THE WIRES

7. On or about August 5, 2016, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant DIMAGGIO, for the purpose of executing the above-described scheme to defraud, transmitted and caused the transmission of a wire communication in interstate and foreign commerce, namely, the transfer of approximately \$750,000 from a bank account in Bulgaria controlled by K.D. to the DMI Account, in Westlake Village, California.

COUNT TWO

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1957, 2(b)]

The Grand Jury hereby incorporates by reference and re-8. alleges paragraphs 1, 2, and 6 of this Indictment, as though fully

set forth herein. On or about August 22, 2016, in Los Angeles County, within 9. the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant ROBIN DIMAGGIO ("DIMAGGIO"), knowing that the funds involved represented

the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, knowingly engaged and willfully caused others to engage in a monetary transaction,

affecting interstate commerce, in criminally-derived property of a

value greater than \$10,000, by transferring approximately \$251,370

from the DIMAGGIO Account to Santa Clarita Valley Escrow, for the purchase of a residence in Calabasas, California, such property, in

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fact, having been derived from a specified unlawful activity, namely, 1 wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2 1343. 3 4 A TRUE BILL 5 6 7 8 9 NICOLA T. HANNA United States Attorney 10 11 12 LAWRENCE S. MIDDLETON Assistant United States Attorney 13 Chief, Criminal Division 14 RANEE A. KATZENSTEIN Assistant United States Attorney 15 Chief, Major Frauds Section 16 MONICA E. TAIT Assistant United States Attorney Deputy Chief, Major Frauds Section 17 18 POONAM G. KUMAR Assistant United States Attorney 19 Major Frauds Section 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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